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1. The reply filed on 12/16/02 (paper number 11) is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because: The elected invention of Group I, claims 1-32 must also contain an election of species as indicated on pages 3 and 4 of the previous Office Action, dated 10/17/02 (paper number 11). Applicant has elected Group I, but failed to make an election of a single disclosed species of receptor or ion channel as required. The election of species in accordance with the restriction requirement is required, even though this requirement is traversed. Applicant is also required to identify which claims are readable on the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide* attempt to comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to correct the deficiency so as to comply with the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) in order to avoid abandonment of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Advisory Information

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